

**CLAIMS**

1. A plumbing valve cover apparatus for avoiding interference between under-sink plumbing and a flexible spray hose for a spray nozzle, whereby the apparatus comprises:
  - 5 an apparatus designed in a shape such to be positioned at least proximate the underside of a sink supply line valve, whereby the section of the apparatus that is positioned to the underside of the sink supply line valve causes the flexible spray hose to reposition towards the front of the sink supply line valve as the flexible spray hose is pulled upwards; and
  - 10 a member for securing said plumbing valve cover to at least one of:
    - a) the sink supply line valve,
    - b) a supply line piping,
    - c) an the inlet line plumbing,
    - d) a sink cabinet, and
    - e) a wall.
2. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 1, wherein the plumbing valve cover at least partially encompasses the under-sink plumbing.
- 20 3. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 1, wherein the plumbing valve cover provides access to a supply valve handle.
4. The plumbing valve cover of claim 1, wherein the plumbing valve cover further comprises:
  - 25 a coupling mechanism which mechanically couples the valve cover to at least one of:
    - a) the sink supply line valve,
    - b) a supply line piping,
    - c) an the inlet line plumbing,
- 30 5. The plumbing valve cover of claim 4, wherein the coupling mechanism is molded into a reinforcing member.
6. The plumbing valve cover of claim 4, wherein the coupling mechanism is a "C-shaped" coupling section.

7. The plumbing valve cover of claim 5, wherein the "C-shaped" coupling section is molded into the plumbing valve cover.

8. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 1, wherein the plumbing valve cover is 5 constructed using at least one of the following production processes:

- a) injection molding, and
- b) metal cut and forming.

9. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 1, wherein the plumbing valve cover further 10 comprises a reference mark for trimming sections to assist in the installation process of the plumbing valve cover.

10. A plumbing valve cover apparatus for avoiding interference between under-sink plumbing and a flexible spray hose for a spray nozzle, whereby the apparatus comprises:

15 a plumbing valve cover designed whereby the cross-sectional shape being one quarter of an ellipse, and

a member for securing said plumbing valve cover to at least one of:

- f) the sink supply line valve,
- g) a supply line piping,
- h) an the inlet line plumbing,
- i) a sink cabinet, and
- j) a wall.

20 11. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 10, wherein the plumbing valve cover at least 25 partially encompasses the under-sink plumbing.

4. 12. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 10, wherein the plumbing valve cover provides access to a supply valve handle.

30 13. The plumbing valve cover of claim 10, wherein the plumbing valve cover further 35 comprises:

a coupling mechanism which mechanically couples the valve cover to at least one of:  
d) the sink supply line valve,  
e) a supply line piping,

f) an the inlet line plumbing,

14. The plumbing valve cover of claim 13, wherein the coupling mechanism is molded into a reinforcing member.

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15. The plumbing valve cover of claim 13, wherein the coupling mechanism is a "C-shaped" coupling section.

10 16. The plumbing valve cover of claim 14, wherein the "C-shaped" coupling section is molded into the plumbing valve cover.

17. The plumbing valve cover of Claim 10, wherein the plumbing valve cover further comprises a reference mark for trimming sections to assist in the installation process of the plumbing valve cover.

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18. A method of positioning a lower service loop of a spray nozzle hose around under-sink plumbing, the method comprising the steps

positioning a plumbing valve cover proximate the under-sink plumbing,  
pulling the spray nozzle hose upwards through a spray nozzle hose, and

20 sliding the spray nozzle hose along the lower section of the plumbing valve cover, whereby the sliding motion causes the spray nozzle hose to move away from a supply line thus clearing the under-sink plumbing.

19. The method of Claim 18, the method further comprising the step of coupling the  
25 plumbing valve cover to at least one of:

- a) the sink supply line valve,
- b) a supply line piping, and
- c) an the inlet line plumbing.

30 20. The method of Claim 18, the method further comprising the step of coupling the plumbing valve cover to at least one of:

- a) a sink cabinet, and
- b) a wall.